



Rita LaPorta of KDES displays the hefty check she won for being named Working Mother of the Year in an M&M/Mars-sponsored contest. Also pictured is interpreter JohnMark Ennis, M&M/Mars representative Pat D'Amato, and two of LaPorta's sons.

## KDES mom's hard work is rewarded

Rita LaPorta's big payoff for her labor as a working mother began with a television announcement she overheard at her home one Sunday morning last year while sorting through an avalanche of laundry.

LaPorta, a speech-language pathologist at Kendall Demonstration Elementary School, was recently chosen as the top winner of the Working Mother of the Year Contest, sponsored by M&M/Mars—Kudos Pan Squares, to recognize and reward working mothers.

When she first heard the announcement, "it caught my attention because of the idea," LaPorta said.

"You don't have to have a lucky number or have done anything unusual—you just have to be a working mother," said LaPorta. As a working mother single-handedly raising three sons for the past eight years, LaPorta figured she fit the bill.

Working moms were asked to describe in 500 words or less "how they meet the demands of their busy lives." First prize was \$35,000, or a year off from work with up to \$35,000 compensation.

Second prize was a year's worth of free home cleaning services. Third prize was a free dinner out once a month for a year.

The essay became a family project, with LaPorta reviewing rough drafts with Nick, age 13, Vince, age 11, and Dan, age 10, for accuracy and ideas.

Asked, "How do I do it?" and referring wryly to her "mountains of laundry, a never-ending grocery list," bills, and a dripping faucet, LaPorta confessed in her essay that her first inclination was to say: "I'M NOT!" But then she explained how she has learned to set priorities—the foremost being time with her children—and get organized, making time with

her kids while doing chores and using lawn work as a family "talking" time.

The essay joined 2,100 other entries from working mothers across the country. On Jan. 13, LaPorta was called at work and told she was one of 14 finalists and would receive either first, second, or third prize. Her exact ranking would be revealed at a ceremony on Jan. 15 at KDES.

Two days later, LaPorta stood with her three sons at a podium in the lobby of KDES with many of her students and co-workers. Pat D'Amato, M&M/Mars representative, turned to LaPorta and announced that she had won first prize.

"I am deeply touched by this," LaPorta said. "In today's society, you don't see rewards [for mothers] very often." She opted to take the cash and continue working, and expressed relief that "one kid is taken care of for college."

Although the Chevy Chase, Md., mom said she was "thrilled" with the award, she was quick to remember those most responsible for her success. "I would like to thank my children," LaPorta said. "They are my reward."

## Search opens for Academic Affairs VP

Gallaudet has formally opened its search for a vice president for Academic Affairs.

The new vice president, who will serve as the University's chief academic officer, will provide educational programs for approximately 2,300 undergraduate and graduate students, oversee the activities of more than 500 faculty and staff employees within Academic Affairs, and administer a budget of approximately \$35 million.

## CDC fee hike explained to parents

Approximately 25 parents gathered in the Kendall Demonstration Elementary School auditorium on Jan. 21 to discuss a 23.8 percent rate increase at the Child Development Center (CDC) for this year—from \$105 to \$130 per child per week—that was announced just after Christmas and took effect Jan. 18.

The parents praised the CDC program but expressed anger and disappointment at the rate increase, and at the fact that they were not notified earlier so that they might make alternative plans, if necessary.

One student pointed out that he had not received word of the fee increase until it was in place because he had been on vacation. Some parents were disturbed that the rate increase had come in the middle of the academic year and that it had occurred just after the holidays—a financially difficult time for many parents.

Fee increases in the middle of the school year are not unusual, said CDC Program Coordinator Gail Solit.

However, costs usually rise only about 10-14 percent each year.

As of September, about 70 children were enrolled at CDC, including 40 full-time students and 30 who attend part time or as part of CDC's before- and after-school programs, Solit said.

Most parents using CDC are staff—about 30, according to Solit. As of September, 18 parents of KDES students, including some who are also staff or faculty at Gallaudet, were using CDC, along with about 10 faculty members and eight students.

La Varne Hines, director of Administrative and Community Services, was on hand to answer questions about the rate increase during the two-hour meeting. "I understand the concern about this increase. I know this will affect your personal budget," she said.

Hines cited the need for the CDC program to become self-supporting financially as the primary reason for the rate hike. The University has an-

nually covered CDC's deficit, which was \$45,000 in 1992, but "every department on campus has been asked to stay within budget or to reduce costs," Hines said. She pointed out that the Board of Trustees mandated in 1984 that CDC become self-supporting.

CDC had a three-year federal grant totaling \$300,000 that began in 1988 and ended in February 1992, after a six month extension, which helped control CDC rates. Because approximately 90 percent of the CDC costs are in staff salaries, the program took steps to save money by eliminating a secretarial position and re-allocating personnel. This left the program with the choice of sacrificing quality or increasing the costs, Hines said.

Hines went on to list the benefits CDC provides, including a qualified deaf and hearing teacher in every class, appropriate and easy communication for deaf parents, accreditation from the National Academy of Early Childhood Programs, and access to Gallaudet University experts in the field of early childhood education.

Parents, however, continued to express dissatisfaction, asking to see printed documentation of the mandate that CDC become self-supporting, wondering if this is really a viable option, and reiterating their desire to see the annual budget reports.

The results of a survey circulated by and among parents after the fee increase was announced were passed out at the meeting.

According to the survey, some parents are seriously considering withdrawing their children from CDC, and as many as 12 may withdraw their children next year. The survey showed that one parent is looking for a second job in order to afford CDC's new rates.

One parent at the meeting expressed concern that the increased fees will adversely affect older working students, who may need to consider withdrawing from Gallaudet.

Parents' suggestions included asking Gallaudet's administration to cover the budget deficit, letting parents who would not use CDC over the summer postpone the rate increase and pay the difference this summer, and implementing a sliding scale based on income or ability to pay.

After the meeting, Hines said that CDC had explored two federal and one private grant, none of which "was feasible at the time." She pointed out that "CDC was not established with the intent of being heavily supported by grants; [however], grant application will continue to be explored."

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## AFRICAN-AMERICAN SCHOLARS, LEADERS, ACTIVISTS, & WRITERS

Gallaudet's Black History Month logo by Charles Robertson Jr. and Julius Donovan depicts (from left) Malcolm X, Maya Angelou, Linwood Smith, and Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

### Black History Month calendar set

- Feb. 1—Kickoff Program, Ely Auditorium, noon-1 p.m., with address by Marita Golden, sponsored by the President's Office. (The Dean's Office at the School of Preparatory Studies will provide transportation from the Northwest Campus to Kendall Green.) African-American media slide show, 1 p.m., KDES.
- Feb. 3—Teleconference "Beyond the Dream V," 12:30-3 p.m., "Ole Jim," followed by reception, 3-5 p.m., sponsored by Academic Support and Student Development.
- Feb. 5—Book Signing/Reception with Ernest Hairston, Ely Atrium, 3-5 p.m., sponsored by Alumni Relations.
- Feb. 6—Coalition of Black Professionals in the Field of Deafness, DeafPride Office, 1350 Potomac Ave., SE, 1-4 p.m.
- Feb. 9—Afro-aerobics, Field House Adaptive Room, 3-5 p.m., sponsored by Student Health Service.
- Feb. 11—Karen McRae, executive director of the Association for the Study of Afro-American Life and History, accompanied by Martin Luther King III, noon-1 p.m., Ely Auditorium.
- Feb. 15—African American exhibit by Michael Shirley, 10 a.m.-3 p.m., Ely Art Exhibit Room.
- Feb. 16—One-woman storytelling show by Evon Black, noon-1 p.m. Ely Multipurpose Room.
- Feb. 17—Book Signing by Omar Tyree, lecture and reception, noon-2 p.m., Ely Multipurpose Room, sponsored by the School of Education and Human Services; African-American me-

dia slide show, Ely Art Exhibit Room, 11 a.m.-2 p.m.

- Feb. 19—Play "I Didn't Hear that Color," 7 p.m., KDES Auditorium, sponsored by the School of Communication. Arts and Crafts Fair, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., Ely Atrium.

• Feb. 20—Afro-centric Tour, 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m., \$10 for lunch, reservations must be made in advance at the University Center, sponsored by Personnel Office/Administration and Business.

• Feb. 22—Laurene Gallimore presents "Educating the African-American Deaf Child in the Classroom," KDES Auditorium, 3-5 p.m., sponsored by Pre-College Programs.

• Feb. 23—Dr. F.B. Philips, executive director of Progressive Life Center, Inc., presents "Getting it Together: African-American and Deaf," noon-1 p.m., Ely Auditorium.

• Feb. 24—Dominic Moulden presents "African-American Rituals and Celebrations," noon-1 p.m., Ely Multipurpose Room.

• Feb. 25—Carolyn McCaskill-Emerson presents "Black Deaf Americans: Who Are We?" noon-1 p.m., Ely Multipurpose Room, sponsored by Pre-College Programs.

• Feb. 26—Threads in Time Fashion Show by Toast and Strawberries, noon-2 p.m., Ely Center Auditorium, \$5 in advance, \$10 at door, tickets at Northwest Campus, MSSD, KDES, and the University Center, sponsored by Black Deaf Student Union and the College of Arts and Sciences. Closing Gala by Black Deaf Student Union, 7 p.m.-midnight, \$10, Field House.

### Announcements

"Everybody's Business: HIV/AIDS on Campus," is a teleconference that will be presented by the American Red Cross on Tuesday, Feb. 2, from 12:30-3:30 p.m., in "Ole Jim."

"Deaf Mosaic" has a new time slot on The Discovery Channel—Sundays at 9 a.m. The program continues to be broadcast by WETA (Channel 26) on the last Thursday of each month at 1 p.m.

The African Company presents sign-interpreted performances of "Richard III" by Carlyle Brown at the Kreeger Theater on March 18 at 8 p.m. and March 27 at 2:30 p.m. For tickets, call (202) 484-0247 (TTY) or (202) 488-3300 (V).

The 8th International SHHH Convention, "Listen to the Echoes of Yesterday, Hear the Sounds of Tomorrow," will be held June 10-14 in San Diego, Calif. For information, call (301) 657-2249 (TTY) or (301) 657-2248 (V).

### Applications sought for VP position

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and Student Development, headed by another vice president, is part of a plan to reorganize academic programs and to redefine the role of the chief academic officer.

The goal of the restructuring is for the Division of Academic Support and Student Development, led by Dr. Howard Busby, former dean of Student Affairs, to support learning that takes place outside the classroom so that the new chief academic officer can concentrate on academic leadership and programs.

The vice presidents of these two divisions will work closely together and share the duties formerly held by the provost.

In a Jan. 26 memorandum to Academic Affairs faculty and staff, Jordan noted that advertisements and flyers for the new position will be sent to sources that would potentially provide

a qualified pool of applicants, particularly deaf, hard of hearing, disabled, women, minority, and veteran candidates.

Applications, consisting of a letter of interest, professional vitae, and the names of three professional references, must be postmarked no later than Feb. 26 and mailed to the Office of the President.

After the deadline, Jordan will appoint a screening committee consisting of a member of the President's Council, two Academic Affairs Management Team members, three Academic Affairs faculty members, one Academic Affairs staff member, a graduate student, and an undergraduate student to review the applications. Jordan will review this information and select the candidates who will be interviewed.

Jordan said that his decision on who is hired for the post will be announced to the Gallaudet community as soon as possible.



Executive Director for Enrollment Services Astrid Goodstein, who also is an associate professor, receives her 25-year service award from Vice President for Academic Support and Student Development Howard Busby Jan. 25. Goodstein started here as a KDES instructor.

### Classified Ads

**Classified ads** are printed free for Gallaudet faculty and staff. Ads must be submitted in writing to *On the Green*, MSSD, Room G-37, or E-mail LMMCCONNELL. Off-campus phone numbers must include an area code and whether the number is voice or TTY. Ads may be run two weeks if requested and if space permits. Ads received Feb. 1-5 will be published Feb. 15.

**FOR SALE:** Flashing system signaler for doorbell, telephone, smoke monitor plus accessories, \$95; wood bunk bed (2 twin beds), incl. head, footboard, frames, \$90. Call Dennis, x5497 or E-mail DGBERRIGAN.

**WANTED:** Nonsmoking roommates for spacious room in country house in Dunkirk, Md., kitchen and living room privileges, CAC, W/D, DW, must like pets and have own trans., \$450/mo. incl. util. Call Gary, x6486 or (301) 855-6264 (TTY).

**WANTED:** Full-time ASL instructor, levels 1 and 2, at Lake Braddock Secondary School in Burke, Va., hours 7:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m., Mon.-Fri., call Joan Heller, chair, Foreign Language Dept., (703) 323-9003 (V).

**FOR RENT:** 1 wk. at resort anywhere in U.S., incl. equipped kitchen, 1 BR, living/dining room, variety of activities, avail. spring/summer, \$350-\$700/nego. Call x5110, (301) 794-6740 (TTY) eves., or E-mail TSCORCORAN.

**FOR SALE:** globe, \$8; microwave cart, \$60; twin bed, \$20; Lazy Boy chair, grey, new, \$200; 4 walnut shelves, \$22; off white drapes w/tiny blue/brown pattern, good cond., \$25; all nego. Call x5110, (301) 794-6740 (TTY) eves., or E-mail TSCORCORAN.

**FOR SALE:** '85 Ford LTD, V-6, 28K, exc. cond., \$3,200/BO. Call (301) 622-2543 (V/TTY) eves. or E-mail RLGANNON.

**FOR SALE:** '88 Honda Accord DX, exc. cond., \$6,500/BO. Call x5515 or E-mail RMSCHILLING.

**FOR RENT:** Private bedroom, kitchen, bath, 5-min. walk to Kendall Green, \$210/mo. Call John, x3113, or E-mail IJLMHOLLAN.

**WANTED:** Roommate to share large 2-BR, 2-BA furnished apt. in Silver Spring, Md., carpooling possible, \$425 mo. incl. util. Call x5040.

**FOR SALE:** '91 Sony Handycam 8 mm video camcorder w/case, 8 mm re-winder/cleaner package, rarely used, \$890/BO; Fit One exercise machine, 1-yr. old, \$200; bike w/training wheels, \$10. E-mail TSCANLON.

**FOR SALE:** 20-in. boy's and girl's bikes, slightly used. Call Chun, x3113 or (301) 459-1192 (V/TTY).

**WANTED:** Roommate to share large country home in Laurel, Md., basement BR w/private entrance and/or upstairs BR avail., full house privileges, must like pets, walk to MARC train, carpooling possible, \$350-\$400/mo. incl. util. Call Wednesday, x5551 or (301) 776-5651 (V/TTY) eves., or E-mail CSS\_WLURIA.

**FOR SALE:** 5-pc. glass and rattan dinette, \$300; 2 rust wing chairs, \$90/ea.; maple kitchen cabinets, \$60/ea.; GE refrigerator, \$150; all in good cond. Call Freda, (301) 249-1579 (V).

**WANTED:** Nonsmoking females to share townhouse in Laurel, Md., furn. BR, cable TV, no pets, own trans., \$250/mo. plus ¼ util. Call Bonnie, x5226 or (301) 725-2271 (V/TTY).

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